

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC)
Minutes for October 6, 2003

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Scott Smith, Stephan Miller, Christopher Tonkin, and Ted Packard. Others present were Joey Glushko, Ed Waltos, and Gareth Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM

We started the meeting recalling recent **conversations about bicycling**. Jack informed us that the Arlington cable TV access station has invited us to produce a show (either a single show or a series) about bicycling. In addition, Gareth asked about a recent bike-car accident on Lake St.

*The September meeting minutes were accepted with two corrections.

-**Town Day review**. Stephan suggested that we need a banner so that our table can be more easily identified. Bobby volunteered the Quad Cycle tent for next year. We sold a total of \$375 worth of maps and books. Ted suggested supplying bike parking for Town Day next year. The proposed date for next year's Town Day is September 11.

-**Arlington Center revitalization**. Joey told us that the Town Planners did a presentation in front of the Chamber of Commerce. The proposed renovations extend from Water St. to Franklin St. She showed us a plan that included mainly the refreshment of the current area including relandscaping and other cosmetic changes.

New bicycle accommodations will possibly include moving the library bike rack to the end of the island in the parking lot; an informative bicycle parking sign at Library Way and Mass. Ave; the Uncle Sam Park could eventually undergo a total reworking into include a bicycle rest area. Other possible improvements include benches, a water bubbler and a bike rack. Jack suggested also widening the sidewalk along Mystic Ave. Guidelines will be placed in the sidewalks and street to aid in finding the ends of the path in The Center. We also saw a proposed redesign of "Carberry's Plaza" and Broadway Plazam, including bike parking of various types.

*Jack proposed a motion that ABAC endorse the plan and that we support the improvement of bicycle infrastructure in The Center. The motion was passed.

-**Possible community projects**. Jack suggested a project to write a proposal to obtain money for the design of the connection between the ends of the path. Another idea is the general beautification of the area. Jack and Joey will work to have a proposal for the February deadline.

-**Bikeway Study** (Ed Waltos). Ed Waltos, an urban design student at Ryerson College in Toronto, wants to do a research project on the Bikeway as an alternative use of an abandoned railway corridor. We had a question and answer session. Jack suggested that Ed look at the Bikeway web site for further information and to update himself on the improvements at Bedford Depot Park.

-**Bikeway maintenance.** Stephan told us about the effort by Arlington Green Streets to eradicate the knotweed and plant native species in their place. Stephan also told us of the progress being made in surveying the dropoff at the edge of the path. He hopes the survey will be finished early in the spring.

-**Transportations updates.** Scott discussed the intersections of the Bikeway with Lake St. and Mill St. The Transportation Committee has identified the crosswalks in town that need repainting and better lighting. We spent a few minutes discussing alternative materials for marking crosswalks. Jack told us that the Rte 2 bridge will be completed this winter.

-Lastly we talked about the statewide **Moving Together Conference**. Jack will not be able to go but Rachael Stark and Elisabeth Carr-Jones will be attending.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:25